

## The Sixty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists

This year, our association travels to Salt Lake City, Utah, for its sixty-seventh annual meeting. One of the most striking characteristics of this event is the increasing diversity of research approaches in physical anthropology, reflecting the health and vitality of our discipline. I note the growing international presence, with attendees coming from around the globe, professionals and students alike. I also note the tremendous role that students play in the annual meeting. In addition to scientific presentations, they form the backbone of local arrangements efforts, especially in handling the myriad details that ensure a seamless convention.

As is the usual case, we pack a great deal into three short days, including some 497 presentations—posters and podium papers—in 33 scientific sessions. Seven symposia present research in a variety of areas of physical anthropology, including brain evolution, history of human health in the Western Hemisphere, teaching evolution, population genetics and the origin of human diversity, population origins of the Americas and Australia, imaging technology in skeletal biology research, and North American treponemal disease. In addition to the AAPA activities, the meeting site is hosting events of a number of other groups during the week, including the Human Biology Association, Paleopathology Association, American Dermatoglyphics Association, Dental Anthropology Association, Primate Biology and Behavior Interest Group, and American Association of Anthropological Genetics.

In the pages of this Annual Meeting Issue of the *American Journal of Physical Anthro-*

*pology*, we present a detailed program grid for the week, a map showing the meeting rooms of the Salt Lake Hilton, a day-by-day summary of events for AAPA and other organizations, editorial boards, workshops, business meetings, author index (by session number), and the abstracts of AAPA poster and podium presentations.

Formal activities for some of the groups meeting prior to the AAPA commence on Monday evening, March 30. AAPA activities begin with the annual opening reception on Wednesday evening, April 1. AAPA poster and podium presentations begin Thursday, April 2, and continue through Saturday afternoon, April 4. Two annual events promise to be stimulating contributions to the meetings. At the plenary lecture on Thursday evening, Richard Wrangham will be discussing his long-term work on chimpanzee social organization and its implications for human behavior. Michael Hammer will be presenting a discussion of genetic evolution at the annual luncheon on Friday afternoon. Plan on attending both functions; they are sure to invite discussion and debate. We encourage the membership to attend the annual business meeting, to be held on Friday evening, April 3.

The AAPA Scientific Program, Local Arrangements, and Executive Committees look forward to your participation in the annual meeting in Salt Lake City, surely to be one of our best gatherings.

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